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# Riot cases hit court

**First suspects appearing before judge** **Businesses anxious to see what penalties imposed**

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▶ A car bursts into flames during the June 15 Stanley Cup riot.

Businesses left reeling by the Stanley Cup riot have been waiting for this day a long time.

The first six suspects charged with participating in the June 15 riot are scheduled to appear before a provincial court judge today as their cases get underway.

For the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association's Charles Gauthier, it's been a long wait.

"It's in the hands of the judge now," said Gauthier. "I still meet businesses and hear from them expressing concerns how long it's taken for this to get to court. The judge needs to communicate a strong message that this is not acceptable."

Many businesses affected by widespread vandalism, destruction and looting during the riot have provided Crown prosecutors with victim-impact statements.

Gauthier said owners, particularly those who run smaller businesses that continue to deal with insurance claims, are still feeling the aftermath of the carnage.

"I wasn't downtown that night. I wasn't on the front lines, but even seeing the images now brings up some very disturbed feelings," he said. "It's something our owners are still living with."

To date, 61 charges have been approved by prosecutors against 25 suspected rioters.

More have been recommended by police and are being evaluated by the Crown.

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# Ending in couple's tale is picture perfect

## Using Twitter, an Olympian re-unites pair with their camera

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METRO CANADA IN CALGARY

It took an Olympian and the mayor of Calgary, but through the use of Twitter a couple has been reconnected with a camera they thought was long gone.

Kyle Shewfelt, an Olympic gold medallist in gymnastics, said when his girlfriend found a camera in their Calgary neighbourhood earlier this month, they knew they had to find the rightful owners.

"I believe in honesty and finding the rightful owners of things, especially when it has pictures of kids on it," said Shewfelt.

He sent out a photo of the couple from the camera on Twitter, asking whether anyone knew them. Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi retweeted the message to his nearly 40,000 followers.

Vancouverite Brian Atwell said he and his wife "searched like mad" for the camera while in the process of packing to move, but assumed it was gone until they received a call from a friend saying her husband had seen Nenshi's tweet.

"I never really understood the whole Twitter thing, to be honest, before this," said Atwell.

"It's definitely a powerful tool for getting out a mass message."

He said he and his wife were grateful Shewfelt took the time to get the camera back to them.

"It was actually quite a beautiful process for me to go through," said Shewfelt, "because it really does show how powerful social media is when you can connect with someone."

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Kyle Shewfelt
Do you recognize these people? Found their camera in Garrison Square. Please RT #yyc :) yfrog.com/oc24hnj
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▶ Brian Atwell, right, and his wife, Leslie, thought their camera was lost forever until Calgary Olympian Kyle Shewfelt tweeted their photo.

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▶ Gymnast Kyle Shewfelt wins gold at the 2004 Olympics in Athens.

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# Is Vancouver really a city of gym rats?

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▶ Dai Manuel gets a workout at Fitness Town in Kitsilano.

Vancouver has a reputation for being a fit and active city, but a new survey says fewer Vancouverites hit the gym than the city's reputation would suggest.

"There is a disconnect between what people consider to be active and living a lifestyle that's healthy," said Dai Manuel, chief operating officer of Fitness Town Inc. who commissioned the survey.

The survey revealed that 28.4 per cent of Lower Mainland residents exercise between four and seven times a week, and nearly 35 per cent claim they work out up to three times a week.

But half of the 4,393 respondents admitted that exercising is not a priority, with excuses ranging from not having enough time to lack of education.

He expressed high hopes that Vancouverites will be able to continue the city's reputation as an active city.

"Things are always going to be busy. It's never going to slow down," said Manuel. "It's about understanding where you're at (physically and mentally) and deciding where you need to go."

KENDRA WONG

# Apartment vacancy rates slip: Study

Finding an apartment in Vancouver that best suits your needs might be harder to do, because of declining vacancy rates, a new report shows.

The rental-market survey for the fall of 2011, released yesterday by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp. (CMHC), shows apartment vacancy rates in Vancouver decreased slightly to 1.4 per cent in October 2011 compared to 1.9 percent in the same month last year.

By comparison, Abbotsford has a vacancy rate of 6.7 per cent.

CMHC senior marketing analyst Robyn Adamache attributed the lower vacancy rates to steady migration and stable employment conditions.

The estimated increase in rents kept pace with the general rate of inflation. Landlords raised rents by 2.3 per cent compared to 2.6 per cent in 2010.

But Vancouver remains as the country's leader with the most expensive rental market, with an average monthly rent of $1,237 for a two-bedroom apartment, up from $1,195 last year. A one-bedroom apartment climbed to $964 from $940.

This information comes just in time: Mayor Gregor Robertson's affordable-housing task force came before council yesterday.

The task force, which is made up of architects, developers, building owners and financiers, will review opportunities for using city-owned land for more affordable-housing options and identify causes of unaffordable housing in Vancouver.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

▶ B.C. NDP Leader Adrian Dix has barely had time to catch a breath during a whirlwind 2011.

# To get through these Hard Times, Dix channels Dickens

**Opposition leader reflects on 2011 ◐ All of Dix's energy is to be spent on making NDP a contender in 2013 election ◐ Economy his top priority**

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Adrian Dix doesn't have much time to read anything but policy papers these days.

But when the B.C. NDP leader has a moment to break away from work, he's been looking to a 19th-century author for inspiration.

"I have been rereading Hard Times," grinned the Vancouver-Kingsway MLA turned opposition leader. "I think reading (Charles) Dickens is good preparation for taking on the Liberal government."

He'll have a couple of more days to read and spend time with family as the holidays approach.

"Since last Boxing Day, I haven't had a lot of days off," Dix says. "It's important to me. There's a lot at stake, so we have to prepare. Luckily for me, December has two statutory holidays."

Personal time has been a rarity for Dix, a central figure in perhaps the most hectic political year in the province's history.

It's been a year that has seen two provincial leadership races, federal and municipal elections, a byelection in Vancouver-Point Grey, the Occupy movement, the unprecedented Harmonized Sales Tax referendum and the B.C. NDP's 50th anniversary convention.

"This is one of the busiest political years the province has ever had, there's no question about that," said Dix.

After winning the NDP leadership race April 17, Dix truly believed he was preparing for something even bigger this year: the premier's job.

**"(Premier Christy Clark) wanted to call the election and would have, except for one small thing. She fell behind in the polls. But I still had to prepare, cost it and campaign around the province to get my name out there."**
PROVINCIAL NDP LEADER ADRIAN DIX

He and his team scrambled to line up candidates in every riding and cost out their election campaign with the expectation that new Liberal Premier Christy Clark would call a general election.

But Clark won a seat in the legislature through the Point Grey byelection, and Dix turned his attention to being opposition leader, with an eye on the 2013 election.

His tactic has been to present the new-look NDP as a reasonable, responsible alternative government.

During his speech at the NDP's anniversary convention in Vancouver, Dix surprised many by declaring the economy is his No. 1 priority and stressed the need for the party to avoid historical pitfalls, such as over-promising and over-doing policy changes.

As in Hard Times, Dix says the social and economic issues facing British Columbia are "the central issues of our time."

"It's about how we address inequality, how we create jobs and how we sustain that in a world and environment that's under stress," he insists. "If you don't want to address those issues, you probably shouldn't be in politics."

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▶ From left, Sae Kerr, Minister Ida Chong and FabShop manager Mark Hetherington display the new B.C. Games medal design.

# Youth carpenters create legacy for B.C. Games

- Minister unveils new medals, podiums for B.C. Games
- FabShop made more than 11,000 items for Olympics

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At-risk youth in the Downtown Eastside are building a legacy for the B.C. Games, but the program needs more private support.

Ida Chong, minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, was on hand yesterday to unveil the B.C. Games' new medal podiums — each made from reclaimed pine-beetle wood — as well as a new medal design.

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**Donations to the Tradeworks Training Society can be made through Canadahelps.org.**

"Training is a focal point of the B.C. Jobs Plan, and the young people at FabShop are learning skills that will help them build a prosperous future in our provincial economy," Chong said.

FabShop is part of Tradeworks Training Society and relies on private donors and government funding to provide carpentry training to at-risk youth and new immigrants.

The society has been building sports-related paraphernalia and custom wood objects since 1994, having provided more than 11,000 items for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games, manager Mark Hetherington said.

"We have 16-person cohorts who receive 20 weeks of training," Hetherington said, adding that it costs $280,000 for each cohort to complete training.

# Urban bruin returned to the wild country

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▶ A conservation officer confronts a black bear — or is it the other way around? — atop a garbage truck on Monday.

A black bear that hitched a ride on the back of a garbage truck from the North Shore into the heart of downtown Vancouver was safely returned to its natural habitat yesterday.

The bear gained notoriety throughout the day on Monday as it sat relatively calm on top of a garbage truck outside the Vancouver Public Library. Yesterday, #downtownbear was still trending on Twitter.

After using a jab pole to sedate the animal, conservation officers kept it in a steel bear trap on Mount Seymour overnight before releasing it near Squamish.

"(Our conservation officers) are to be commended for a job well done, and I'm happy to see that they were able to save the bear," Environment Minister Terry Lake said yesterday.

The bear was between one and two years old and had no history of conflict with conservation officers.

Bear sightings are common in North Vancouver but have rarely, if ever, occurred in the downtown core. ● DANIEL PALMER

## Woman dies in reservoir crash

A Kelowna woman died on Monday after driving her car into a frozen reservoir. The 21-year-old was driving around McKinley reservoir in Kelowna at about 1 p.m. when she reportedly lost control on a sharp curve. The Buick sedan rolled down a 9.14-metre embankment before crashing through ice. Emergency crews used the jaws of life to remove the unconscious woman from the submerged vehicle. She was taken to Kelowna General Hospital where she later died. ● KENDRA WONG

## Man shoots son in hunting mishap

Chase RCMP are investigating after a man, 79, shot one of his sons in the leg near Pritchard on Monday. The father's shotgun discharged about 15 metres from his three sons while they were setting up a hunting blind, police said. The BC Ambulance Service transported him to Royal Inland Hospital in Kamloops. The son is being treated for non-life-threatening injuries, police said.

● DANIEL PALMER

## Cultch, sea museum win funding

Vancouver city council has approved $2 million in funding for upgrades to the Vancouver Maritime Museum and Vancouver East Cultural Centre. The VECC (a.k.a. the Cultch) will get $1 million to complete a redevelopment that includes a two-storey building for office space and rehearsal halls.

The Maritime Museum will use its funding to begin structural and mechanical upgrades at the federally designated national historic site.

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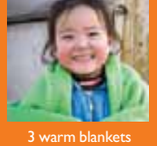
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# Gunman kills Belgian shoppers

## Hundreds flee as grenades lobbed into market, bullets fired
## Attacker found dead at scene

Summoned for questioning by Belgian police, a man with a history of weapons and drug offences left home armed with hand grenades, a revolver and an assault rifle. Stopping at a central square filled with holiday shoppers, he lobbed three grenades into the crowd, then opened fire.

Four people were killed, including an 18-month-old toddler, and 122 were wounded in the assault yesterday.

Authorities said the shooter also died, but they were at a loss to explain the reason for the onslaught. The prime minister said it was not related to terrorism.

The midday attack in the eastern Belgian city of Liege sent hundreds of panicked shoppers stampeding down the cobbled streets of the old city, fleeing explosions and bullets.

Belgian authorities identified the shooter as Nordine Amrani, a 33-year-old Liege resident who had done jail time for offences involving guns and drugs, and had been called in for questioning yesterday in a sexual abuse case.

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### Recent attacks

- **In Italy yesterday,** a man opened fire in an outdoor market in Florence, killing two vendors from Senegal and wounding three other immigrants before killing himself. Investigators identified the attacker as 50-year-old Gianluca Casseri, and RAI state TV said he was known to police for having participated in racist marches by an extreme right-wing group.
- **In Norway last July,** far-right extremist Anders Behring Breivik went on a bomb and shooting spree that killed 77 people around Oslo.

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▶ Police officers guard the street, following a grenade attack in the city centre of Liege, Belgium, yesterday.

# Brother made up story in Shafia case: Crown

A Montreal family accused of killing three children concocted a story that could help absolve them of guilt and told a surviving child to go along with it — but he slipped up, prosecutors alleged in court yesterday.

Mohammad Shafia, 58, his wife Tooba Yahya, 42, and their son Hamed, 20, have told police that the night of the deaths, their eldest daughter came into their motel room to borrow the car keys.

The Crown alleges the now-deceased children were killed before the family checked into the motel, and that they made up the story about the car keys to place the girls at the motel alive, which would fit with their assertion that the deaths were a joy ride gone wrong.

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▶ Mohammad Shafia leaves the holding cell at the Frontenac county courthouse in Kingston, Ont., on Dec. 8.

Shafia sisters, Zainab, 19, Sahar, 17, and Geeti, 13, and Rona Amir Mohammad, 52, Shafia's other wife in a polygamous marriage, were found dead in a car submerged in a canal in Kingston, Ont., on June 30, 2009.

Another brother to the girls was under cross-examination as a defence witness yesterday, and Crown attorney Gerard Laarhuis hammered him about his statement to police that Zainab came to the motel room that night to borrow his cellphone.

Laarhuis suggested that never happened, and further, that inconsistent statements to police that it might have been his mother who wanted to borrow his phone, point to a mistake on his part.

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## Inmate takes prison worker hostage

A corrections employee taken hostage by an inmate was freed after a nine-hour ordeal yesterday at a federal prison in Quebec's Eastern Townships.

The inmate barricaded himself in a room in the Cowansville penitentiary, locking himself there with the worker who was in the area with him.

Correctional Service of Canada said nobody was injured in the incident at the medium-security prison, which holds 410 male inmates.

Authorities wouldn't confirm the victim was female. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Sheldon Kennedy's Capitol Hill crusade

**Ex-NHLer tells U.S. lawmakers to end code of silence People who suspect something wrong must act on their 'gut feelings,' he says**

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▶ Sheldon Kennedy testifies on Capitol Hill yesterday. "Empower the bystanders," he said, "and you'll be taking an important first step in breaking the silence on child abuse."

Sheldon Kennedy stepped into the Capitol Hill spotlight yesterday, urging U.S. lawmakers to "empower" anyone who suspects children are being sexually abused.

Under the glare of TV cameras, the former NHL player told of the ordeal he suffered at the hands of his once-trusted hockey coach, Graham James.

"My abuser was International Hockey Man of the Year," Kennedy, 42, told the Senate hearing examining child abuse laws.

"In Canada, that gave him almost God-like status. Sound familiar?

"The kids — and often their parents too — looked up to him as a hero.

"This was someone who could make their dreams come true and he used that trust to hurt them."

Pedophiles count on the fact that most people have trouble believing trusted adults in their fields — coaches, teachers, priests — would ever abuse children, Kennedy added.

James was convicted of some 350 sexual-abuse charges and served three and a half years in prison. He was quietly pardoned in 2007 — touching off a national firestorm.

Last week, James pleaded guilty to fresh allegations of sexual assault. He will be sentenced in February.

**"Pedophiles ... are counting on the public's ignorance or — worse yet— their indifference."**
**SHELDON KENNEDY**

The hearing's aim was to review the adequacy of current federal and state reporting requirements and hear proposals aimed at both preventing abuse and intervening when abuse is suspected.
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# Sandusky says he'll fight to the end in sex-abuse case

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▶ Jerry Sandusky

Former Penn State assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky is vowing, in his lawyer's words, to "fight to the death" in his child molestation case.

But Sandusky opted against a preliminary hearing yesterday, sparing his accusers from making their claims in a packed courtroom.

Sandusky's lawyer, Joseph Amendola, said in Bellefonte, Pa.: "There will be no plea negotiations."

The credibility of the witnesses would be a key issue. He said he believed some of the young men may have trumped up their claims and others may come forward in a bid for monetary gain.

An attorney for one of the alleged victims called Sandusky a "coward" for not hearing his accusers and derided the arguments that they were out for money, saying many were too old to sue Sandusky under Pennsylvania's statute of limitations.

"It makes my blood boil," said Harrisburg lawyer Ben Andreozzi, whose client, identified in a grand jury report as Victim 4, was said to have become a fixture at one point in the Sandusky household.

"All the money in the world isn't going to bring them back to where they were before the sexual assaults."

Sandusky, 67, is charged with more than 50 counts that accuse him of sexually abusing 10 boys over 12 years.

He has denied the allegations, which led to the departures of longtime Penn State football coach Joe Paterno and the university president.
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▶ In this Sept. 15, 2010 photo, range officer Patrick Deegan aims a long gun at a private range in Calgary.

# Fight over registry data could go to SCC

## Ottawa has thus far refused to save long-gun records

A battle over the federal gun registry appears headed for the justice system, with experts wondering whether the issue will ultimately be decided by the Supreme Court of Canada.

Quebec announced yesterday that it is preparing for a legal fight with the federal government should the latter pass legislation to abolish the long-gun registry.

The province said it would use the courts to save the registry data, which it wants to continue using. "I find it unfair for Quebecers, who helped pay for this registry, that data that concerns them is being destroyed without it being offered to the Quebec government," said Public Security Minister Robert Dutil.

"Therefore, as soon as C-19 is passed, the Quebec government will go to court to obtain the data in the registry that concerns Quebecers."

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### Opposition

- **Ottawa has balked** at handing over the data.
- **Information Commissioner** Suzanne Legault has said destroying the data would violate the letter and spirit of the Library and Archives of Canada Act.
- **Privacy Commissioner** Jennifer Stoddart has urged caution in destroying the data.

# City breathes new life into Peanuts display

RYAN HODGSON-RIGSBEE/ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

▶ In this 2005 file photo, Jim Jordan, stands in front of the Snoopy House in Costa Mesa, Calif.

Jim Jordan created a heartwarming Christmas display of Charles Schulz's Peanuts characters more than 40 years ago at his California home, and it became a holiday tradition as tens of thousands of people showed up each year to see the extravaganza.

When he lost the house to foreclosure, it looked like the death of a tradition — until the city stepped in to save Christmas.

A week ago, Costa Mesa officials offered to host the display on the lawn outside city hall. The lights were to be turned on last night. Santa will make nightly appearances starting Sunday.

The move saved a Christmas display that Jordan says draws 80,000 people each year.

"I feel I am in the middle of a Frank Capra movie — the Christmas miracle movie — I really do," Jordan said.

Jordan, 59, said he started the project as a teenager in the single-storey house where he was raised. Little by little, he expanded the display until it reached mammoth proportions, featuring an ice staking Charlie Brown and dancing Snoopy.

Though he no longer lived in the house, Jordan was crushed to think about the families that counted on him at Christmas. When neighbours learned the display was in jeopardy, they called news reporters, posted signs and collected donations to try to help Jordan fight to recover the house, Jordan said.

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## Police say drivers using Twitter to avoid checks

The police chief in Calgary is concerned that drivers in the city are using Twitter to help impaired motorists avoid roadside checks.

Rick Hanson says tweets are being sent out on the social media site to alert drivers to checkstop locations.

Hanson says he doesn't know why anyone would want to protect an impaired driver from being apprehended.

He also says he can't understand how assisting a drunk driver benefits society.

Hanson admits the tweets do help publicize the fact that police are out and about.

He notes that checkstops move frequently and could set up in locations where drivers weren't expecting them.

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## Gun found in donated clothes bag

Volunteers in Didsbury were shocked to find a sawed-off shotgun in a bag of donated clothes on Monday.

Residents at the Knox United Church Thrift Store were organizing donations when they found the unloaded .22-calibre rifle.

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# U.S. panel to drivers: Hang up

## Seeks nationwide ban on cells

U.S. states should ban all driver use of cellphones and other portable electronic devices, except in emergencies, the National Transportation Safety Board said yesterday.

The recommendation applies to both hands-free and hand-held phones and significantly exceeds any existing state laws restricting texting and cellphone use behind the wheel.

The board made the recommendation in connection with a deadly highway pileup in Missouri.

The board said the accident was caused by a 19-year-old pickup driver who sent or received 11 texts in the 11 minutes before the crash.

The pickup, travelling at 55 mph, crashed into the back of a tractor truck. The pickup was rear-ended by a school bus that overrode the smaller vehicle. A second school bus rammed into the back of the first bus.

**"No call, no text, no update is worth a human life."**
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The pickup driver and a 15-year-old student on one of the school buses were killed.

Thirty-eight other people were injured in the Aug. 5, 2010, accident.

While the NTSB doesn't have the power to impose restrictions, it's recommendations carry significant weight with federal regulator.

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# Sorry, kids ... Christmas will be a little late this year

When Emily Russell's two young sons wake up on Christmas morning, they'll find Santa left them a note instead of the video games they requested.

"Hey, I couldn't get by your house last night," Russell, a single mother from Kernersville, N.C., plans to write to her sons and sign Santa's name.

"Your mom is going to take you to the store when she can."

Some people have always postponed Christmas celebrations because their jobs don't pause for the holiday.

But in the weak U.S. economy, folks are delaying Christmas for another reason: money.

Deloitte's annual holiday survey for the first time asked shoppers whether they planned to wait until January to do the bulk of their shopping for Christmas.

Six per cent of the more than 5,000 respondents said they did.

The strategy can pay off. After Christmas, retailers offer discounts of up to 75 per cent on a wider variety of items than they do in the weeks leading up to the holiday.

Elaine Wu and her husband plan to wait until the day after Christmas to shop because they've agreed not to spend more than $150 for each other.

"Just because it's a day late doesn't mean it's going to be any less special ," said Wu, a 36-year-old Silicon Valley marketing manager.

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## Fine rogue lobbyists, says the watchdog

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Karen Shepherd is also looking for more protection, as well as more teeth.

She has asked a House of Commons committee to consider amending the Lobbying Act to allow her to levy fines in cases that might not warrant a formal reference to the RCMP.

As things stand, she says, she can only report to Parliament or call in the police when she finds problems. She said she has no middle ground under the existing act.

"I am recommending an administrative monetary penalty mechanism be adopted," she told the MPs on the access-to-information, privacy and ethics committee.

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## Cyber Kiss had a sting

A Connecticut man affiliated with the Anonymous hacking group was arrested yesterday over an attack on a website belonging to Kiss star Gene Simmons.

Kevin Poe, of Manchester, Conn., was released on $10,000 bond.

Reports said Poe and others launched a giant attack on Simmons' systems.

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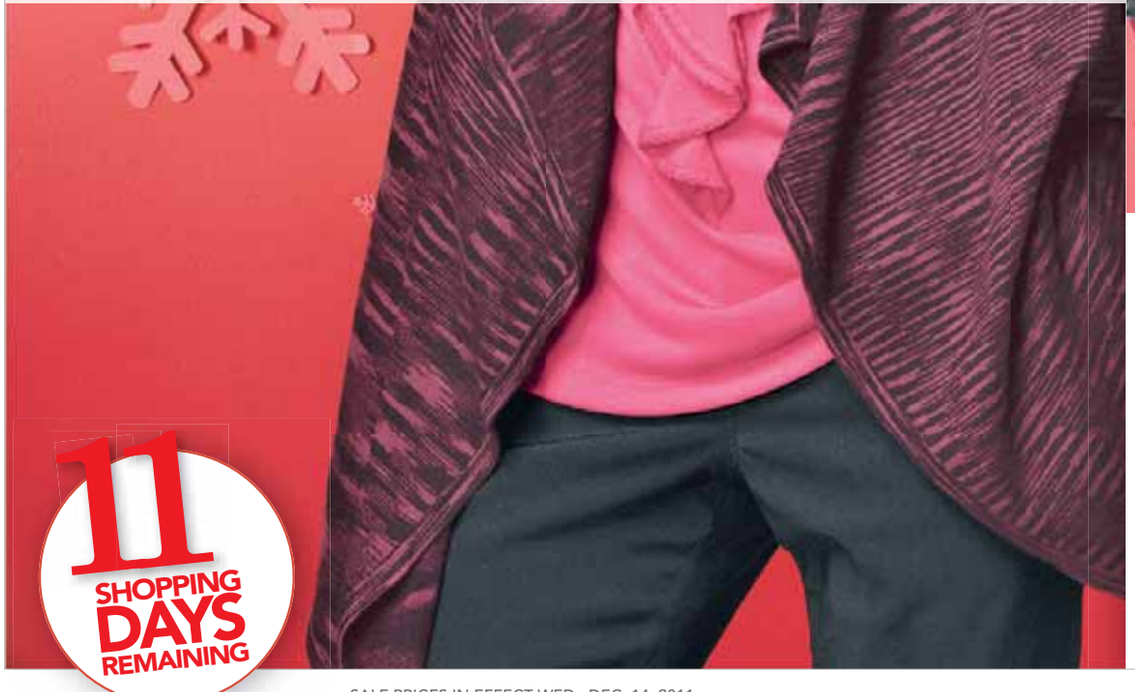

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# Environmental policing assailed

- Watchdog says Ottawa must do a better job enforcing regulations
- Many violations not being fixed

The feds may crack down on environmental delinquents, but Canada's environment watchdog says they don't do a good job following up.

A lack of follow-through is the main theme in Environment Commissioner Scott Vaughan's latest reports, which was tabled in Parliament yesterday.

Vaughan looked at how the federal government polices the shipment of dangerous goods, enforces Canada's flagship environmental law and shares its scientific research with decision-makers.

Vaughan was also tabling two studies on fisheries and environmental monitoring.

The reports on dangerous-goods shipments and environmental enforcement noted similar problems.

Tens of millions of dangerous products are shipped across Canada every year by road, rail and air. The cargo includes everything from oil and gas to chemicals and even explosives.

**"It seems to me that this government is not interested in managing the environment file at all."**
**MEGAN LESLIE, NDP ENVIRONMENT CRITIC**

Transport Canada is responsible for enforcing regulations around shipments of dangerous products. But Vaughan found the department has not checked up on many cases of non-compliance.

The commissioner noted these problems are not new. An internal audit done more than five years ago flagged these same concerns.

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▶ Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development Scott Vaughan holds a press conference following the tabling of the 2011 December report in Ottawa yesterday.

# Facebook 'likes' service that prevents suicide

Facebook is making it easier for people who express suicidal thoughts on the social networking site to get help.

A program launched yesterday enables users to instantly connect with a crisis counsellor through Facebook's "chat" messaging system.

The service is the latest tool from Facebook aimed at improving safety on its site, which has more than 800 million users. Earlier this year, Facebook announced changes to how users report bullying, offensive content and fake profiles.

"One of the big goals here is to get the person in distress into the right help as soon as possible," Fred Wolens, public policy manager at Facebook, told The Associated Press.

Google and Yahoo have long provided the phone number to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline as the first result when someone searches for "suicide" while using their sites. Through email, Facebook also directed users to the hotline or encouraged friends to call law enforcement if they perceived someone was about to do harm.

The new service goes a step further by enabling an instant chat session that experts say can make all the difference with someone seeking help.

"The science shows that people experience reductions in suicidal thinking when there is quick intervention," said Lidia Bernik, associate project director of Lifeline. "We've heard from many people who say they want to talk to someone but don't want to call. Instant message is perfect for that."

Some crisis lines such as Lifeline have been criticized for alerting police without the caller or user knowing.

How the service works is if a friend spots a suicidal thought on someone's page, he can report it to Facebook by clicking a link next to the comment. Facebook then sends an email to the person who posted the suicidal comment encouraging them to call the hotline or click on a link to begin a confidential chat.

Facebook on its own doesn't trawl the site for suicidal expressions, Wolens said. Logistically it would be far too difficult with so many users and so many comments that could be misinterpreted by a computer algorithm.

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**Ukraine.** Protest

▶ A supporter of former Ukrainian prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko holds a poster outside the Appellate Court in Kyiv yesterday. The red writing reads: Freedom for Ukraine.

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## Showing their support

**The Kyiv Court of Appeal is considering an appeal filed by Yulia Tymoshenko. The former Ukrainian prime minister was sentenced to seven years in prison in October for abuse of authority while negotiating a gas contract with Russia in a case the West says was politically motivated.**

# Doc's wife admits to illegal abortions

The wife of a Philadelphia doctor has admitted performing illegal abortions at a filthy clinic that authorities describe as a "house of horrors."

Court documents indicate Pearl Gosnell pleaded guilty yesterday to charges including performing two late-term abortions.

Gosnell is the wife of Kermit Gosnell, who is charged in the deaths of seven babies and a woman who died of a painkiller overdose.

Authorities say babies born alive were killed at the west Philadelphia clinic by having their spinal cords severed with scissors.

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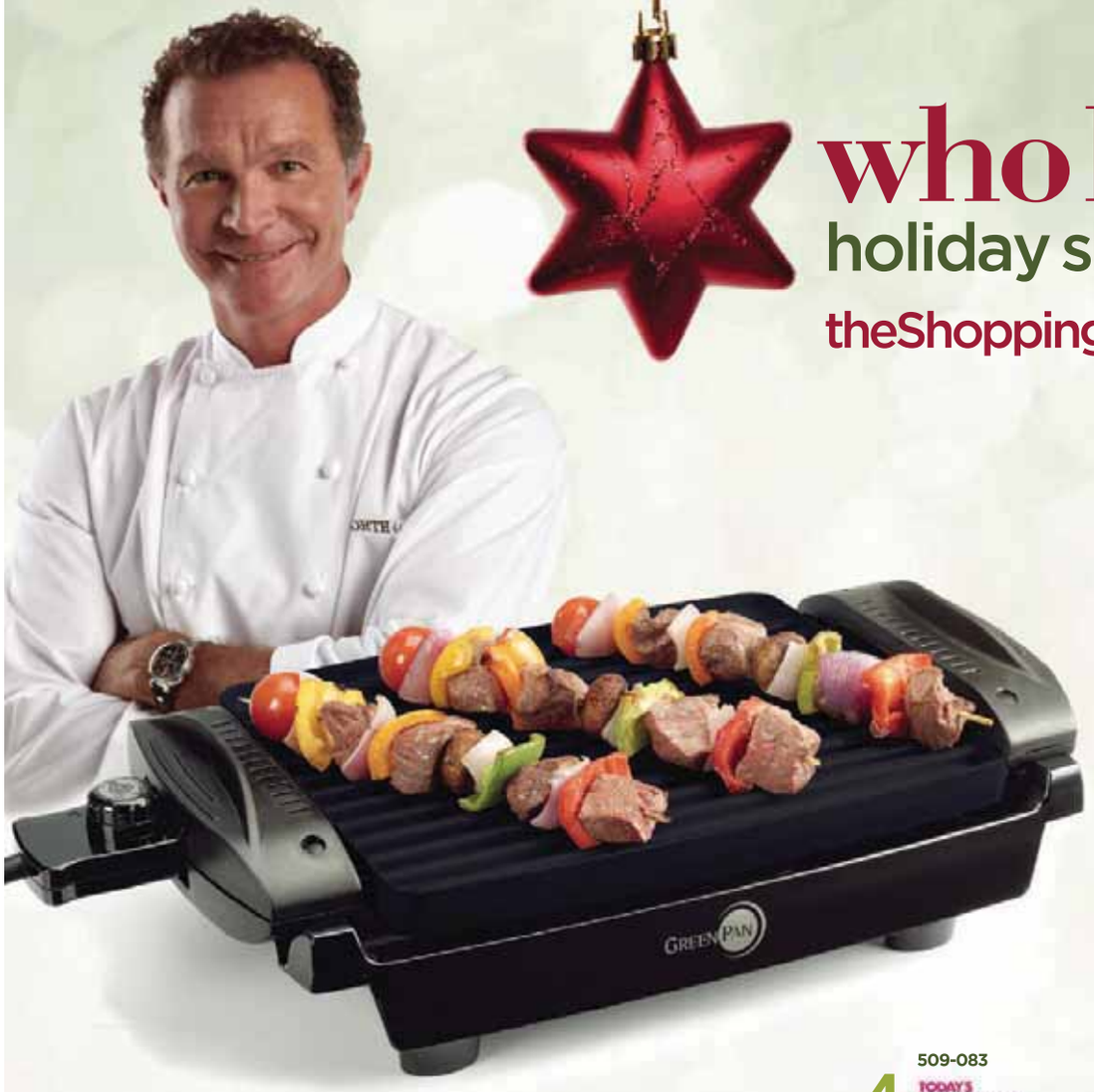


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# Canadian debt up while income down

## Household debt has risen about twice the rate of income: StatsCan

Canadians keep taking on more debt even as they get poorer, a new Statistics Canada report shows

Average household debt hit a new record high of almost 153 per cent to disposable income in the third quarter, a sizable jump from 150.7 per cent the previous quarter, the agency reported yesterday.

As well, household net worth declined by 2.1 per cent to $180,100 from $184,700, the sharpest drop in almost three years as the value of pensions and stock investments declined.

The report came a day after Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney again warned about the dangers of household debt poses to the economy going forward. Canadians are more indebted now than the Americans and British, Carney noted, saying that they need to move to bring debt accumulation in line with income growth.

But analysts cautioned against taking too dark a view over household finances. "It's not black and white," said Benjamin Tal, a senior economist with CIBC World Markets. Most debt accumulation is from mortgages, and unlike the U.S. before the sub-prime fiasco, the segment of home buyers considered "marginal" in Canada is very small.

"I have no problem with people borrowing if they have the ability to pay and have a good job ... and can finance this debt when (interest) rates rise," he said.

Most other forms of credit, such as balances on credit cards, lines of credit and term loans are slowing down or even falling, Tal added.

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**Time.** Out

▶ A shopper takes a rest with purchases at Northpark Mall in Ridgeland, Miss., on Nov. 25.

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## U.S. retail sales keep rising

**Americans spent more on autos, furniture and clothing last month as retail sales rose for the sixth straight month.**

## McDonald's racks up bill on lobbying

McDonald's Corp. spent $460,000 lobbying the U.S. government in the third quarter, on issues including immigration, menu labelling and debit card fees.

This represents a 48 per cent increase from the same period a year ago, when it spent $310,000, according to disclosure reports. It was also up from the second quarter, when it spent $370,000.

The burger chain lobbied Congress, the White House, the Department of Labor and the Department of Health and Human Services on the health-care changes that were signed into law in March 2010.

The new rules will require more companies to offer health- care insurance to employees. McDonald's also homed in on a part in the law that would require more restaurants to add calorie information to their menus. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Here's a Christmas question.

If 40 per cent of Canadians plan to do some or all of their holiday shopping online, up 11 per cent over last year, why am I stalled in this two-block lineup waiting to turn into the mall?

You'd expect the malls to be decked with 40 per cent fewer shoppers. Not only that, there's a recession on, people. Aren't you supposed to be at home shivering in the dark instead of standing in front of me at the checkout, your arms full of holiday goodies, while your annoying children cling to you, wheedling for more?

Something doesn't add up here.

Think about it. Wal-Mart is open 24-7. You could shop at 3 a.m. and avoid me and the rush altogether. Of course, for all I know, there could be lineups at 3 a.m. too. I'm not curious enough to find out.

**"It's simply not necessary to go out at peak hours, which are defined as those times when I like to do my own Christmas shopping: between 2 and 4 p.m. on weekends, prior to or immediately after my afternoon nap."**

Then there's Amazon, eBay, Indigo, Best Buy, etc., where you can buy all your presents on your phone and angels in brown uniforms will deliver them overnight.

And you can pick up gift cards for anything from iTunes to African safaris at the gas station or the drug store.

It's simply not necessary to go out at peak hours, which are defined as those times when I like to do my own Christmas shopping: between 2 and 4 p.m. on weekends, prior to or immediately after my afternoon nap.

Somehow the message isn't getting through. This year, I may have to do my Christmas shopping on Dec. 28, which is far enough away from Boxing Day, which is just another excuse for people to get in my way.

I'm sure friends and loved ones won't mind. There's usually a big letdown after all the presents are unwrapped, and there's not much to look forward to other than four to six more months of winter. Getting thoughtful gifts on December 28 will be a surprise treat.

Look, it's not all bad. When I got to the mall near my place this past weekend, it was a zoo, as expected, but some marketing genius decided to offer valet parking: eight bucks. Drive up, hand the family SUV over to a professional, and walk directly into the mall. Best eight bucks I ever spent.

And my wife had just enough Christmas spirit left to bake the traditional family dark Christmas cakes. I helped by waiting until she had them all wrapped and stored, and only then snuck into the kitchen and plundered at will.

There are some things you just can't do online.

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**@britnott:** @CodySimpson come to #Vancouver!!!

**@ABeautifulLife:** Nice hardworking shift w/Kes, Hansen, and Higgy: keep it up! #Canucks

**@MYNCmedia:** #burrows tips #hamhuis slapshot - hits the post... - #vancouver #canucks

**@MJAKing:** RT @TheWellwoods: I don't agree with much of John Garrett's analysis, but he may be on to something with microwaved triscuits... #Canucks

**@stuffedgobble:** Bested by Steve Mason #thingspeoplesaidthreeyearsago #Canucks

**@passittobulis:** I wish that had been a save by Luongo, because it would have been incredible. But it looked like Nash just hit the side of the net.

**@Fernishca:** RT @DOUBLEJGLOBALBC: Why is it Roberto Luongo is always face down, sprawled out when he gives up goals??

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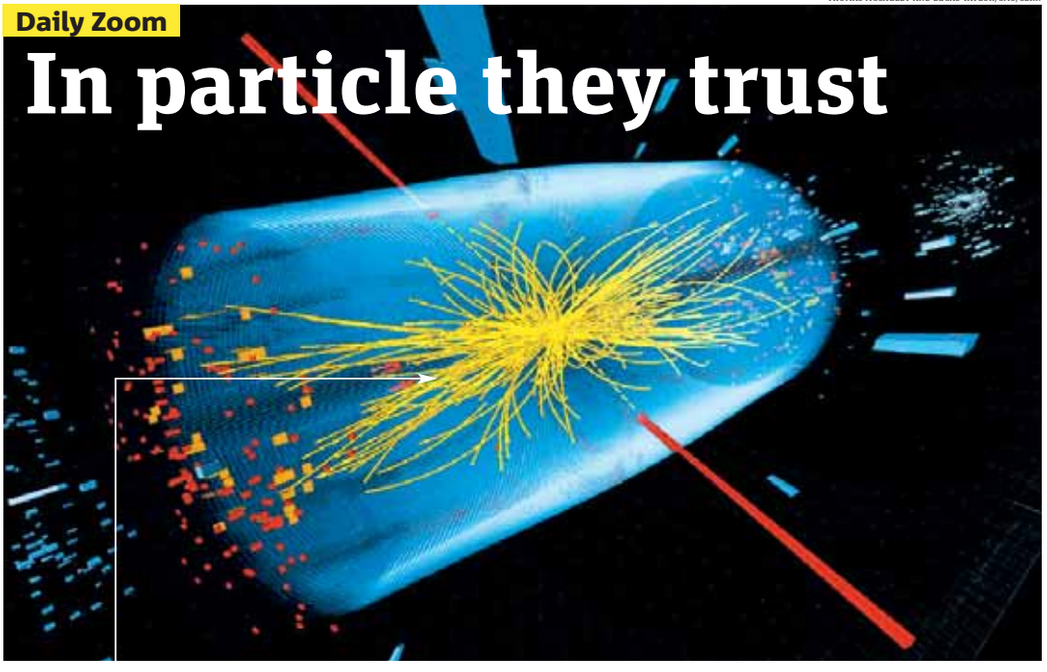

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**"It would be extremely kind of the Higgs boson to be here. It's too early (to say for sure)."**

FABIOLA GIANOTTI, SCIENTIST AT LHC

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### Higgs boson

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# Charlize Theron: Closet nerd

**While talking about her latest film, Young Adult, Theron reveals excruciating details of her awkward youth and says that she doesn't need another Oscar**

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▶ Charlize Theron plays Mavis Gary in Young Adult.

It would probably be nice for Charlize Theron to get an Oscar for her performance in Jason Reitman's latest film, Young Adult.

Most critics seem to think she deserves one. But Theron herself notes: "I can't even think about anything like that … And plus I have an Oscar," she says, referencing her win for 2003's Monster. She catches herself with a laugh. "That was such an asshole thing to say."

Maybe the 36-year-old is just channeling her inner jerk because that's the nature of her character in the film, Mavis Gary, a divorced, young adult author and all-around mess. Gary returns to her hometown to track down her high school boyfriend, now married with a new baby, in the hopes of rekindling their romance. While promoting the film, which was penned by Oscar-winning screenwriter Diablo Cody, Theron revealed some of her own Mavis-like behaviours.

**So much of the press for this film discusses what an unsympathetic character Mavis is. How do you see her?**

I thought that the things she did were pretty despicable but then again, not to the point where I was disgusted by her. I never had a hard time not liking her.

I would love to go and have a beer with her. I would never let her hang out with my boyfriend. …

What I liked when I read Diablo's script was the idea of a woman who is dealing with very common mid to late 30s issues that women can really relate to but because of how she went through life, is dealing with them the way a 16-year-old would deal with them.

She says things like, "don't you know love conquers all?" I mean, it's like the typical 16-year-old would say that and here she is 37, trying to get her life together and she just doesn't have the tools to do it.

**With this and Bridesmaids we're seeing more of women behaving badly. Do you consider this a step forward?**

I talked a lot about this when I did Monster. I think people get kind of freaked out when they see real women, conflicted. I think women are almost way more conflicted than men and I think we come from a society where we're very comfortable with the Madonna/Whore complex.

We're either really good hookers or really good mothers. But we're not bad hookers and we're not bad mothers and we're nothing in between.

I grew up on cinema where guys got to do that — Gene Hackman and Dustin Hoffman and DeNiro got to play all those characters that I saw a little bit of myself in — those kinds of struggles and the lurking dark things.

I think women are getting a chance to play those kind of honest characters and also, people keep saying, "it's so brave!" It really isn't. It's just refreshing.

### Glasses girl

**Theron talks about her high school experience:** "I wasn't in the popular crowd. I went to an arts school. I was obsessed with ballet. I wore really, really nerdy glasses. I was as blind as could be and boys don't really like big nerdy glasses. I had a massive crush on this guy that this interviewer who just did a story on me for Vogue actually found. This guy did not know I existed in school and he was all "yeah, tell her the crush was mutual." F— that. It was so not mutual. And then it was like, "I remember she wore those glasses."

## Young Adult

▶ Comedian, author and actor Patton Oswalt

**'GOOD TIMES CAN KEEP HAPPENING, JUST NOT THE SAME ONES'**

**"How f—king amazing was she in this movie?" Patton Oswalt asks when one of Charlize Theron's scenes in Young Adult is mentioned. Playing the sidekick to a woman on a mission to seduce her married high school boyfriend, Oswalt went to great lengths to get his character right.**

**You used an acting coach for the first time with this role. Why did you think this character merited that kind of preparation?**

Because the script was so good but there was so much nuance and so much of a delicate tightrope back and forth between despair and humour. The humour never came out of "let's stick a joke here." The humour came out of real human behaviour. I had this mix of exhilaration for being offered the script and then terror. I didn't want to do wrong by it because it was so well-written.

**The film has to do with sentimentality and trying to bring the past into the present. Are you ever tempted to do that?**

It's very dangerous. I'm just as guilty of it as anyone else. I think Frank Zappa said, "some day we're all going to die of nostalgia." Nostalgia is also an anagram for lost again. You have to keep moving forward because a big part of life is loss... It's almost like if you want the same good times to keep happening, that's what's dangerous. Good times can keep happening, just not the same ones and if you expect to be the same person having the same good time, then that's also really dangerous.

HEIDI PATALANO

### Box office

Charlie Sheen is returning to CTV with his new sitcom Anger Management. Sheen made the announcement Monday night with an on-air message that aired after his old show Two and a Half Men. Sheen was famously fired from the show after his volatile personal life and ridicule of the show's producer exploded in the tabloids. His new sitcom is loosely based on the 2003 film of the same name. Sheen plays an anger management therapist whose methods wreak havoc on the lives of his patients. "You seem like the nicest people in the world," Sheen said in the short broadcast. "But I know the truth. You're holding in a lot of anger. Why else would you drink so much beer, put on shoes with sharp blades, and smack each other around with wooden sticks?"

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# A return to old world spies

## Forget the heroism of the Bourne Identity spy films Tinker, Tailor offers a more fragile look at genre

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A British man glides to his chair, the clean-cut sweater and collared shirt combination highlighting his noticeably trim physique and glowing complexion. Colin Firth — a.k.a. everyone's favourite Mr. Darcy — has arrived.

The dapper 51-year-old is in the midst of promoting the release of his latest film, Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy, a Cold War spy thriller based on John le Carre's best selling novel. Firth plays a MI6 agent who may or may not have been a mole for Kremlin while working in Scotland Yard in 1973.

But don't expect this tale of international intrigue be anything like a James Bond film or something from the Bourne series.

"I love the Bourne films and I think if you love the Bourne films it doesn't mean that you can't love this," Firth says.

There are many things that distinguish subtle Tinker, Tailor from the typical tale of betrayal on an international level, which might be why it's earning so much advanced praise by the critics.

**Spying**

**Would Colin Firth make a good spy?**

**Quote** "You have to have a great deal of physical courage in the face peril and I don't (know many actors who) would be great candidates in the face of having a gun pointed at you.

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▶ Tinker, Tailor is a new-old take on spy films.

"It's not about macho effectiveness or hard bitten heroism," Firth says. "It's actually much more about fragility and loneliness and disappointed idealism. These men are seen to be broken, all of them, on some level."

As open as he was to discuss the film, Firth was less forthcoming on other topics. Being awarded the best actor Oscar for The King's Speech last year has clearly freed the actor to demand privacy regarding his personal life.

"Most of it is none of your business," he says gently. "I don't mean that rudely."

But what we really wanted to know was what life is like after winning an Oscar. Firth obliged by saying although the offers to star in an action film are non-existent, there has been pressure from some in his camp to expand the scope of his projects.

# A gem of a year for Neil Diamond

## Legendary singer releases new best hits album on the heals of becoming a Kennedy Center Honouree

Neil Diamond has been a hit maker for more than four decades, but the 70-year-old singer-songwriter says that when he's alone in his studio, he sometimes wonders who will hear his music.

The answer, of course, is almost everyone, as evidenced by a stellar year that saw the Sweet Caroline singer inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, become a Kennedy Center Honouree, earn his 13th Grammy nod and release a career-spanning collection of greatest hits.

The Very Best of Neil Diamond, featuring 23 songs, was released last week, just after he returned from the Kennedy Center Honors in Washington, D.C., where he shook hands with President Barack Obama.

**"It was like a fairy tale, really, because the White House is really done up."**
**NEIL DIAMOND**

Diamond is planning a North American tour to support the album next year, and he's also planning to marry his love, Katie O'Neil.

Diamond said 2011 has "definitely been one of the best years ever."

Still soaring from the Kennedy Center celebration he spoke about his latest run.

"It was like a fairy tale, really, because the White House is really done up for Christmas and I got the chance to bring my kids with me and three of my older grandkids, who all had the chance to say hello to the President and Mrs. Obama, and they were of course thrilled," Diamond said.

You can his latest album at most retailers and neildiamond.com.

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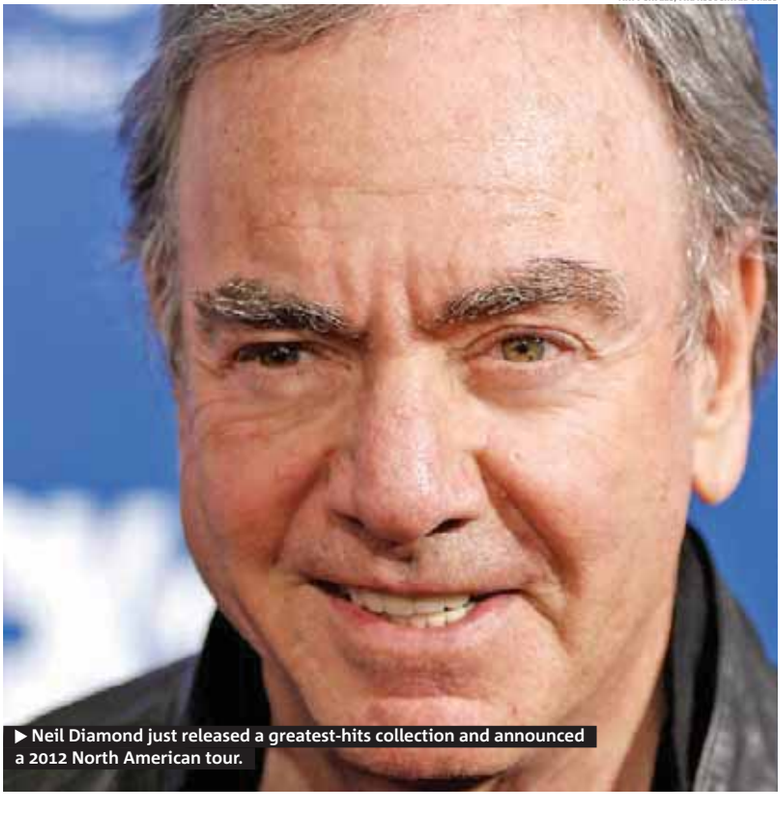

▶ Neil Diamond just released a greatest-hits collection and announced a 2012 North American tour.

# Bullock suffers from first world problems

## To spoil kids or not? Actress struggles with hard questions at Christmas

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Sandra Bullock is torn over what sort of Christmas to give her 2-year-old son, Louis.

"The less you give, the less they'll expect. And that way, if I give him nothing, he won't remember and he won't expect it next year and it's cheaper," Bullock tells Access Hollywood of the more frugal option. On the other hand, "I want the photo ops to be really great because he's not going to remember it, but he'll remember it by the photos and when he's 16 and says, 'I hate you — you're a horrible mother,'" she jokes. "I'll go, 'Do you see this Christmas? Do you see that I got you that life-size lion? Shut up! Get in your room and do your homework. I was a good mother then.'" METRO

**"I want the photo ops to be really great because he's not going to remember it but he'll remember it by the photos "**
**SANDRA BULLOCK**

Sandra Bullock

## Talking points

### Winslet leaves wounds of the heart, ex says

**SUCK IT UP NANCY.** To hear ex-boyfriend Louis Dowler tell it, Kate Winslet is a real heartbreaker.

"I don't think Kate behaved well and it is still very raw for me," Dowler tells the Daily Mail.

The pair dated after Winslet's divorce from director Sam Mendes, though she's since moved on to dating Ned Rocknroll, Richard Branson's nephew.

"I was in love with her and you can't switch that off overnight. I'm not sure Kate treated me well," admits Dowler.

"She met my parents and family. I thought we were inseparable. I certainly haven't found anyone else since." METRO

## Celebrity tweets

@kirstiealley
"I think people gossip because their own lives are un-gossip worthy...Live a gossip worthy life...;)"

@katyperry
"Made the switch to iPhone ...now just waiting to grow thumbs..."

### Ryan Reynolds getting Lively

**BLAKE LIGHTING HIS LANTERN** Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds were reportedly "very cuddly" during a midmorning double date in NYC recently with Lively's older sister and brother-in-law, according to Us Weekly.

The Green Lantern costars and happy couple were "poking each other, giggling, and even seen leaning on each other in the booth," a source says.

The brunch wasn't without incident, though, as Lively "hit her head on a lamp as (she sat down in the booth) and put a napkin jokingly on her head." METRO

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# Channeling New York Chutzpah

**New York City has the highest concentration of Jews outside of Israel Nosh on kosher food, watch the lighting of a massive menorah and visit some historic sites Mazel Tov!**

## Ellis Island

An obvious place to start is Ellis Island, where the ancestors of so many American Jews first set foot on U.S. soil. Boats run from Battery Park — schedules at statuecruises.com — to the National Park site in New York Harbor. The Ellis Island museum offers a wealth of artifacts connected to Jewish immigrants, including a photo of a kosher kitchen that opened on the island in 1911 and an eye chart with a line of Hebrew letters.

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▶ Ellis Island

## Kutsher's

Kutsher's Tribeca, which opened in November at 186 Franklin St., is the brainchild of Zach Kutsher, whose grandparents ran Kutsher's Country Club, a popular Catskills resort in its mid-20th century heyday. The menu reinvents and updates favourite Jewish comfort foods, offering savoury brisket meatballs, chopped liver made from duck, and yummy matzo ball soup with dill. You can even order caviar with your latkes — though the roe is not from sturgeon, which isn't kosher. On Dec. 25, Kutsher's will offer a special Chinese-themed menu in honour of the American Jewish tradition of going out for Chinese food on Christmas Day.

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▶ Kutsher's

## Light the menorah

During Hanukkah, the Chabad-Lubavitch Jewish outreach organization sponsors the lighting of a massive menorah, about 10 metres tall, on Fifth Avenue and 59th Street near Central Park, Dec. 20-27. Candles are lit at 5:30 p.m., except for the Sabbath, with a 3:30 p.m. lighting Dec. 23 and 8:30 p.m. Dec. 24.

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▶ Menorah on Fifth Avenue and 59th Street

## Museum of Jewish Heritage

The Museum of Jewish Heritage is in Battery Park City. Through summer 2012, the museum is hosting a fascinating exhibit about Emma Lazarus. Lazarus' sonnet The New Colossus with its famous line "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses," is engraved on a tablet in the Statue of Liberty's pedestal, and Lady Liberty can be seen from the museum windows. Lazarus was born in New York to an old Sephardic Jewish family; a letter about religious freedom from her great-great uncle to George Washington is part of the show. The Museum of Jewish Heritage was created as a memorial to those who perished in the Holocaust.

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▶ Hanukkah lamp from the 1920s at the museum.

## The Lower East Side Tenement Museum

The Lower East Side Tenement Museum at 97 Orchard St., tenement.org, is housed in a building that dates to 1863, but it was a time capsule when the museum acquired it in 1996: Its apartments had been sealed off since 1935. Tours now tell the stories of the people who lived there. The building housed immigrants from various backgrounds, but some tours focus on Jewish families.

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## Travel in brief

A "snow village" to be set up in Montreal's Jean Drapeau Park — complete with hotel, restaurant, bar, conference centre and chapel, all made out of ice and snow — will be a North American first, organizers say. The $2.1-million project — mostly funded by a group of Quebec entrepreneurs and Tourism Quebec — is scheduled to open Jan. 6.

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Chabad sponsors public menorah lightings in more than 70 countries for Hanukkah

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# Keep it simple — and impress

**This meat dish, which looks fancy but doesn't require much work, is ideal for holiday entertaining**

## HOLIDAY HELPER

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Simple and tasty are key to helping you entertain this season and beef is the perfect choice!

Ask your butcher for a tri-tip roast for this recipe as the texture of meat is tender and juicy.

You can also use your favourite beef roasts such as a strip loin, rib or sirloin tip roast.

Serve it up with mashed potatoes or creamy polenta.

EMILY RICHARDS

### Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp (30 mL) each extra virgin olive oil, sundried tomato pesto, aged balsamic vinegar
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) soy sauce
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) roasted garlic and peppers spice mix
- 1 tsp (5 mL) herbes de provence
- 1 bottom sirloin tri-tip oven roast about 2 lb/1 kg

### Preparation:

1. In small bowl, stir together oil, pesto, vinegar, soy sauce, spice mix and herbes de provence until combined. Spread all over roast and place on rack in roasting pan.
2. Oven sear the roast by placing it in a preheated 450 F (230 C) oven for 10 minutes.
3. Reduce heat to 275 F (140 C) and cook for about 1 hour and 45 minutes or until meat thermometer registers 145 F (63 C) for medium rare or to desired doneness.
4. Remove from oven, cover loosely with foil and let rest for about 15 minutes. Slice thinly to serve. **EMILY RICHARDS IS A PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR & TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA**

### Holiday prep

**We're here to help**
Next Wednesday is the final edition of Emily Richard's Holiday Helper. Check out metronews.ca/food for past editions.

JOE HOWELL

### Drink of the week

#### Isle of Mull

Scotch is the perfect winter drink, whether it's après-ski or after-dinner. Sadly, the liquor was mostly forgotten by the cocktail revolution.

For something more contemporary than a Rusty Nail, try this drink.

- 1.25 oz blended Scotch whisky
- .5 oz Bénédictine
- .25 oz Stone's Green Ginger Wine
- dash of Fee's Plum Bitters
- dash of cherry juice

Build the drink in a rocks glass (lots of ice), and garnish with sour cherries soaked in whisky.

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# Talk the talk, reap the benefits

**Honesty and a genuine attempt at listening to co-workers can lead to greater things than just a happy office**

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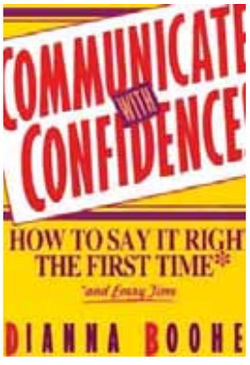
▶ Take a look at your team. If you notice that someone in the back isn't being heard, encourage them to speak their mind.




It's a common workplace complaint in almost any industry: "There's no communication around here."

But as much as it might be lamented in the cubicles, managers are frequently baffled by the gripe, says Dianna Booher, a productivity and communications consultant and author of more than 40 books, including the newly revised Communicate with Confidence!

"It's a recurring issue. When I talk to CEOs, they're always puzzled. They say, 'How can people say that? We give out information all the time," says Booher.

"I can sum it up for them in four words: Information is not communication."

That said, don't be that guy whining about the lack of communication. Nobody likes that guy. Instead, be proactive and raise the bar with these tips.

"People talk about voter apathy all the time, but a lot of times you see it in the workplace," says Booher. "But you can change things."

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**PRODUCTIVITY AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTANT DIANNA BOOHER**

### Tell the truth — the whole truth

It's not enough to tell your co-workers that you'll hit the deadline. You also need to mention that in order to do so, you had to alter the project and rely on your strung-out intern to do sensitive research. "It's got to be the truth, but it also has to be the entire, current truth," says Booher. "If you withhold bad news, people go to other sources."

### Make sure you have discussions

Evaluate your conversations with your co-workers: Is there a back-and-forth and some healthy debate on occasion?

It's a good sign if people think your opinion is worth changing.

"If you feel like everybody agrees with you, something's wrong," says Booher. "There's a one-way communication system there, and that's not what you want."

### Care, or at least get good at pretending you do

"It's a cliché that people don't care what you say, they have to know that you care about them when you say it — but it's true," says Booher. "If your staff thinks you only care about the numbers, then they'll tune you out."

### Why it's worth it

Good communication is more than just a nice idea to throw around at company retreats.

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# ULTIMATUM TANTAMOUNT TO DISMISSAL

**Case demonstrates again that resignations put forth under pressure are likely to be considered dismissals**

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Following a bad day at work and thinking that he would be fired, Philip Chan elected to resign instead. However, in another tale from the workplace trenches with an ending you would not expect, a court found that Chan's resignation was actually a termination.

Chan, the general manager of a busy Denny's restaurant in Langley, B.C., had his fair share of problems with his supervisor, who had repeatedly criticized his performance.

Although Chan had been well-regarded within the company, by May 2009 the tone and content of the communication from his boss led him to believe that he would soon be fired. Matters came to a head when Chan was given the choice of being dismissed or resigning.

For Chan, "saving face" was paramount, so he resigned rather than face dismissal. However, at the urging of another senior employee, Chan soon returned to his job. His content with his boss would not last long.

After another hectic day at the restaurant, Chan's manager came to him once more and said that he could choose to resign or else he would be fired. Again, faced with the possibility of explaining his termination to prospective employers, Chan opted to resign. He drafted a letter confirming his decision and left work. This time, however, although Chan's departure was permanent, he was not about to go quietly. Chan recently sued Denny's, arguing that the ultimatum he was given was tantamount to a dismissal.

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▶ Feeling a little boxed in by your options? If your employer offers you no other choice but to resign or get fired you may have cause to contest their behaviour after the fact.

At a recent trial, the judge drew a clear bright line between an employee who voluntarily leaves and one who is told he will otherwise be fired.

Here, although Chan's statements and actions were consistent with an employee who wanted out, they were provided in the context of an ultimatum that he would be fired and in response to a boss who had tried to force his resignation once before. Chan was awarded wrongful dismissal damages and his legal costs.

Although the results of this case may have been surprising, the law in this area is quite clear: Canadian courts are loath to uphold a resignation proffered under circumstances of pressure or an ultimatum and instead will usually find that the employee has been fired.

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# Mason bests Canucks in SO

## In his first game back after being benched, Blue Jackets goalie leads team to victory

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▶ Columbus' Mark Letestu scores a goal past Roberto Luongo last night.

The past 27 days have been humiliating for Steve Mason.

That's what made last night even sweeter.

James Wisniewski had the last of Columbus' three shootout goals and Mason made several big stops in his first appearance after being benched for 12 games to help the Blue Jackets beat the Vancouver Canucks 2-1.

"It's not fun sitting on the bench," Mason said. "But sometimes it's what you need to really refine things and to feel good again."

Mason, playing for the first time since Nov. 15, shut out the Canucks for two periods and finished with 30 saves. The 2008-09 Calder Trophy winner stopped one of the two shooters he faced in the shootout while Mark Letestu, Rick Nash and Wisniewski all found the net against Roberto Luongo.

"I didn't really have that much pressure on me," said Wisniewski, now 3 of 6 in shootouts. "With Nasher and Letestu scoring in front of me and them missing one, I was either going to score to win or Mase had to save to win. You're a little bit looser going out to the shootout knowing you don't have to score."

Mason, who missed three minutes of the third period due to cramping in his leg, was very good all night. In the second period, he made big stops on consecutive hard shots by Kevin Bieksa and Dan Hamhuis. Late in the period, Mason sprawled on the ice to smother a shot by Alexandre Burrows.

Mason came in 3-12-1 with a 3.63 goals-against average and .875 save percentage. Journeyman Curtis Sanford had won the No. 1 spot by going 5-4-3 with a 2.45 goals-against average and .909 save percentage, but he had given up 16 goals in his last four games.

It was time for the 23-year-old Mason to step back into action.

"It's been a long time since I played. I've been hard on myself," he said. "There's probably nobody harder on me than I am. I expect a lot better. Tonight was a good performance. Over the last three or four weeks I think I've matured a lot in a lot of ways."

The Canucks had won four in a row, nine of 10 and their last five on the road. Still, they came up short against the team with the worst record in the NHL.

"In my mind, that's a much better team than their record indicates," Vancouver coach Alain Vigneault said. "You can say it many times, but there are no easy games in this league. There might be a perception that we're going to step on the ice and win it very easily. You don't win games easily in this league. Tonight was another example."

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### Quoted

**"I am deeply honoured to win this very special and very historic award. ... To be recognized with this award for something I love to do, which is figure skate, means so much."**

FIGURE SKATER PATRICK CHAN, AFTER WINNING THE 2011 LOU MARSH AWARD YESTERDAY. THE HONOUR – DECIDED BY A PANEL OF NATIONAL SPORTS EDITORS, REPORTERS AND BROADCASTERS – IS GIVEN ANNUALLY TO CANADA'S OUTSTANDING ATHLETE BY THE TORONTO STAR.

# Flyers' Giroux latest star felled by concussion

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▶ Claude Giroux

Philadelphia Flyers star Claude Giroux is out indefinitely with a concussion.

Flyers general manager Paul Holmgren said yesterday that Giroux's symptoms have become worse since he suffered a head injury against Tampa Bay last week.

"He skated a little bit today; didn't feel that good. Just didn't feel like himself," Holmgren said last night in Washington before the Flyers faced the Capitals. "I don't know that there's any good news in this other than after 15 minutes or so, once he stopped skating, he did start to feel a little better."

**39**
**Claude Giroux leads the NHL with 39 points and has led the Flyers to the top of the Eastern Conference standings.**

The immediate treatment will be rest.

"We're just going to take it easy with Claude," Holmgren said. "We'll probably just give him some time off (today) and revisit again (tomorrow). Obviously we're concerned. Claude is one of our better players and obviously is off to a great start this season. We're going to err on the side of caution."

Giroux took an inadvertent knee to the head by teammate Wayne Simmonds near the end of the second period on Saturday.

The Flyers said on Monday that Giroux had been feeling better. But another examination yesterday found Giroux has a concussion.

Giroux leads the Flyers with 16 goals and 23 assists. His 39 points were three ahead of Toronto's Phil Kessel for the NHL lead heading into last night.

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# Buono's successor cut from same cloth

## Benevides gets Lions head coach job he had long been slated for

Mike Benevides was dressed smartly in a suit for his introduction as B.C. Lions head coach yesterday.

But he will be sporting more of a Bill Belichick look on the sidelines during the 2012 CFL season.

As expected, the Lions promoted their defensive co-ordinator to the club's top coaching position. Benevides replaces Wally Buono, the winningest coach in CFL history, who stepped down following last month's Grey Cup win over Winnipeg to concentrate full-time on his duties as the club's general manager.

Benevides is affectionately dubbed "Little Wally" because his views on football are strikingly similar to those of his mentor. But the Toronto native vows to be himself in his new job, meaning he'll continue to dress casually on the sidelines.

"I'm going to go with the hoodie," said Benevides, who wore an orange and black tie during the news conference at the club's practice facility. "That's what I feel comfortable in.

"You want to be comfortable working."

And no one looks more comfortable on the sidelines than Belichick, the New England Patriots head coach who routinely wears a hooded sweatshirt during games, often with the sleeves cut short.

Benevides earned his promotion with the Lions after serving nine seasons as an assistant, the last four as defensive co-ordinator.

And Benevides' appointment was hardly a surprise. He had been deemed B.C.'s head coach in waiting since 2008 when he turned down a chance for the top job with the Toronto Argonauts.

### Background

**Buono said Benevides' background, which includes operating his own industrial painting business, was a factor in his getting the job.**

- The son of Portuguese immigrants, Benevides grew up in inner-city Toronto and earned a scholarship as a nose tackle at Bakersfield College before turning to coaching.
- He served as a defensive assistant at his high school, Central Tech, as well as York University, where he also studied business.

In fact, Buono, who also has the added title of vice-president of football operations, admitted he didn't interview any other candidates to be his successor.

"Mike's been a tremendous warrior," said Buono. "He's been a tremendous soldier.

"When I think of giving someone an opportunity, I can say this: He's earned this opportunity."

Benevides said he turned down the Argos' job because he felt the Lions provided him with a better coaching opportunity. However, Benevides said he was never guaranteed the Lions' head coaching position.

Buono said while he felt Benevides could one day replace him, he only made the final decision to promote Benevides recently.

"I had to go on blind faith in the sense that I was making a decision based on what I knew about Toronto and what I felt in my heart," said Benevides. "This opportunity was never promised to me."

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▶ Mike Benevides, newly appointed head coach of the B.C. Lions, listens in on general manager Wally Buono yesterday.

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# Gazing into the near future

- **Audi prepares to enter the hybrid fray in Canada next year with its Q5 Hybrid**
- **As writer Jil McIntosh tells us, it's definitely fun to drive, especially in 'Sport' mode**

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▶ The 2013 Audi Q5 Hybrid will be available in Canada next summer.

When they were introduced, gasoline-electric hybrids were small, basic cars. As the technology matured, so did the vehicles, and today, most premium brands include hybrids in their lineup — as Audi will, when the hybrid version of its Q5 compact SUV goes on sale next summer.

Although they pay more for their vehicles initially, premium-vehicle owners still don't want to spend a lot at the pumps, and they appreciate the fuel savings a hybrid can provide.

That said, while exact pricing is yet to come, the Q5 Hybrid will cost around $55,000, about $10,000 more than the non-hybrid Q5 upon which it's based.

There has to be more than just fuel economy, and in this case, it's performance.

**Estimated price: $55,000**

The Q5 Hybrid uses the turbocharged, direct-injection 2.0-litre four-cylinder from the regular Q5, with an eight-speed automatic transmission and the company's "Quattro" all-wheel-drive.

An electric motor is sandwiched between the engine and transmission, fed by a 72-cell lithium-ion battery pack mounted under the cargo floor.

The engine produces 211 horsepower and 258 lb-ft of torque, but when you mash the throttle, the electric motor can add a brief boost to 245 horsepower and 354 lb-ft of torque.

Since electric motors make their peak power right from the start — unlike gasoline engines, which have to rev up — the power surge is immediate.

This hybrid is great fun to drive.

It's a "full" hybrid (but you don't plug it into the wall), capable of starting and running solely on its battery at 60 km/h for up to three kilometres.

If you're already cruising, it can switch over to electricity at speeds of up to 100 km/h. Come to a stop and the gasoline engine shuts off, although all the electronics continue to function, including the electrically-operated air conditioning.

An animated display in the dash shows what type of power is being used.

The switch from gas to electric happens automatically, although if all the driving conditions are appropriate, you can hit a button to keep it in electric-only mode.

The Q5 is one of my favourites to drive, and when I piloted an early production version on an event in Spain, I discovered that the Hybrid is just more of the same. It's intelligently sized, it wraps around corners almost like a sports car, and it's light and agile even though the hybrid system adds 130 kilograms.

The electric steering is tuned to feel hydraulic, with excellent weight and feedback.

If you don't mind using a bit more gas, you can put the Q5 into "Sport" mode, which makes it feel even sharper on the curves.

The price will be a major factor, and the Q5 Hybrid will probably remain a relatively rare model on Canadian roads, but it's meant to pave the way for yet another innovation: the all-electric Audi E-Tron sports car, which will make the leap from concept to production next year.

## 2013 Audi Q5

- **Engine:** Turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder with hybrid system.
- **Power:** 211 hp/258 torque (gasoline engine); 245 hp/354 torque (maximum hybrid combined).
- **Fuel consumption:** TBA
- **On sale:** Summer 2012

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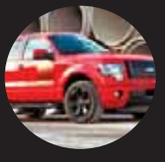

**Ford F-150 nabs Motor Trend honour**

The Ford F-150 was named 2012 Truck of the Year by Motor Trend this week. The magazine felt the F-150 best met the award's six key criteria: engineering excellence, advancement in design, efficiency, safety, value, and performance of intended function. "The bottom line is that the F-150 simply excels at being ... a truck. It mastered every task we subjected it to," said Edward Loh, Motor Trend's editor-in-chief. METRO

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# A smart design in a small space

**Because the Scion iQ is so tiny, engineers had to get creative**

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▶ Fuel efficiency, agility and safety are all a part of the iQ's small package.

## DRIVING FORCE

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One of the major issues when designing a vehicle is space. Cars have a lot of components and only so much room in which to fit them. It was a considerable challenge for Toyota with the tiny iQ recently introduced in its Scion brand.

"We used a collection of different engineering approaches for different components, which allowed us to make this size of vehicle but still have the functionality of a larger vehicle," says John-Paul Farag, manager of advanced technology and powertrain for Toyota Canada.

"The vehicle must have fuel efficiency, agility and safety within a small package."

The first challenge was designing what Toyota says is the world's smallest air conditioning system.

It isn't enough to simply downsize everything.

If there isn't enough space between the fan blades, or if the blades are too thin, the system won't get enough air and it won't work properly.

The company had to come up with a new manufacturing technique to produce smaller but more rigid blades.

The blower and a/c unit were integrated into a single unit that fits behind the dash. Getting cold air to the occupants was also challenging. The engineers came up with a simplified design that reduced the number of curves in the ductwork, improving the airflow.

"There are always trade-offs," Farag says.

"You can't use a unit this small to cool a large SUV, but we think because of what we did with this unit, you may see some of these improvements incorporated into other vehicles."

The engine is a compact design, and a continuously variable transmission (CVT), which uses pulleys instead of gears, and was chosen not only for its fuel efficiency but because it's smaller than a regular automatic transmission. The fuel tank is wider but much shallower than most tanks to fit under the rear seat and trunk without affecting interior space.

Space-saving tricks must also take passengers into account: the front seats were slimmed down for more interior space but their design still had to be comfortable. A flat-bottom steering wheel provides more legroom for the driver. The dash uses an asymmetrical design that sits the front passenger further ahead than the driver for more rear-seat room, without affecting the driver's visibility.

"We were dealt a challenge with this vehicle for space, and we dealt with it by new engineering and designs," Farag says.

▶ The Scion iQ boasts what Toyota deems as the world's smallest air conditioning system.

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## Top Gear

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Many people admit to driving while drowsy, or have actually closed their eyes for a few seconds (or more) while behind the wheel.

According to the American Automobile Association (AAA), fatigue is the cause of nearly 17 per cent of all driving-related deaths. To combat this serious issue, ASP Technology of Denmark has developed a dash-mounted, battery-operated sensor.

The Anti Sleep Pilot is designed to monitor conditions that might indicate fatigue, such as operator reaction times, vehicle movements, time of day and other pre-programmed inputs.

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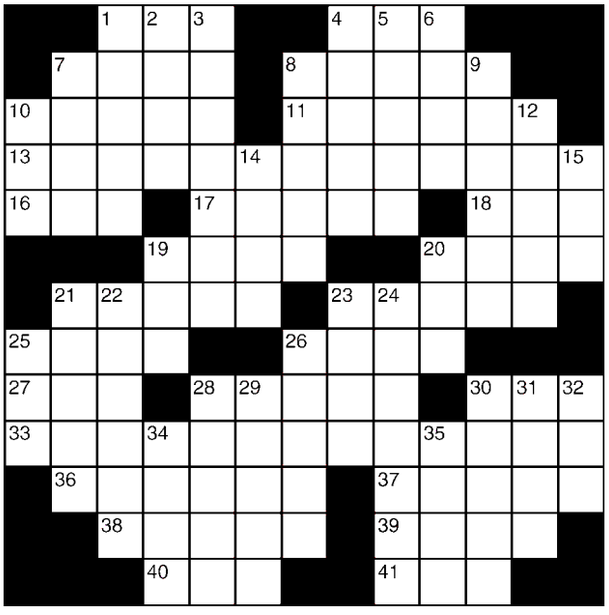

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7 Litigious sort
8 Middle Eastern dish
10 Bethlehem's region
11 Ball game segment
13 New Orleans neighborhood
16 Barbie's companion
17 Hosiery shade
18 Shaft of light
19 "An Inconvenient Truth" narrator
20 Enticement
21 Chris of tennis lore
23 19th President
25 Leave out
26 Cartoonist Goldberg
27 Help
28 Inscribed pillar
30 "Suburgatory" airer
33 Ice cream flavor
36 Evening affair
37 Sorrow
38 Slow critter
39 Ear-related
40 Spring mo.
41 A Bobbsey twin

**Down**

1 Poet W.H.
2 Hammerhead part
3 Farm vehicle
4 Piece of cheesecake?
5 Arm bones
6 Twosome
7 Confident
8 Sharp irritation
9 False
10 NYC airport
12 Toothed wheels
14 Rodgers partner
15 "Catcher in the —"
19 Obtain
20 Caustic solution
21 Eastern potentates
22 "America's Funniest Home —"
23 Island dance
24 Desert
25 Lummox
26 Carouse
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## Sudoku

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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*Niko, Hi, babe i just want to say how happy i am to be with you, you're the greatest thing that has ever happened to me. I love you. Happy anniversary. :)* **SHOWSTOPPER**

*Robbie-Bear*
*to my husband of just over 4 months, and my best friend of more...no I don't think you're too intense, I will always appreciate your loves. We just need to allow each other room to grow together in marriage. Hope you are having a good day at McD's.* **BOOBSTRESS**

## Today's horoscope

**♈ Aries March 21-April 20** You may find it hard to get a straight answer out of certain people over the next 24 hours.

**♉ Taurus April 21-May 21** Someone's dishonesty may shock you greatly, but you really should have noticed it before. Open your eyes.

**♊ Gemini May 22-June 21** A colleague may be too vocal in his or her criticism, but there's an element of truth in what is said.

**♋ Cancer June 22-July 22** If you take on too much, you will sooner or later reach a point where it starts to go wrong.

**♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23** Don't let anyone talk you out of doing something on which you have your heart set. You know it'll work.

**♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22** Someone in a position of power may be critical of your work today but don't let it get to you. Maybe he or she has a valid point.

**♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23** This is one of those times that if you let negative events get to you, your mood could be darkened for days.

**♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22** Yes, much may be falling apart — but much more still works beautifully.

**♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21** Push ahead with your plans today, even though others say you are aiming way too high.

**♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20** You're too negative in your outlook. Don't let it get out of hand.

**♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18** You should seek assistance from people whose knowledge about specific topics is superior to yours.

**♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20.** Someone will deceive you today. Keep your annoyance to yourself. Revenge is a dish best served cold.

**SALLY BROMPTON**

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